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STREET. SATURDAY DECEMBER 25, 1897.

We have to deny our employees their usual Christmas holiday this year, and the Dispatch will appear as usual to-mor-

THE IDEAL CHRISTMAS.

In the ideal country, which is fairer than any dream of Utopia, and more wisely regulated than any republic of Plato's, Christmas is a season full of delightful expectation upon the part of childhood and is crowded with fragrant memories on the part of their elders. There the checks and balances of life

are rightly adjusted with the teachings of Him for whose birth the stars sang together and to worskip whom the Magi made their pilgrimage to Jerusalem. There the extremes of poverty and wealth do not exist; yet, as of old, when to one man was given ten talents and 10 another five and to another one, so there, too, some are more blessed with worldly possessions than others. But it is the custom of the rich and well-to-do to look after the welfare of their less fortunate neighbors, and to make their Christmas a season of good cheer, so that in the songs and salutations of the morning there may be an unbroken chorus of happy voices. It is a land where youth rejoices in Life's prospect and where the hoary locks of age constitute a crown that is reverenced by all. The season is one that calls for the

rounion of families: for the dressing of houses with holly and mistletoe, cedar, and ivy; for present-giving where cost is not the measure of value, but the motive everything-a season for mirth that elevates, and feasting that does not debauch.

There, too, Santa Claus is known. The fight against his reign is over and forgotten. And for weeks before Christmas it is the chiefest care of each mother to be the means of successful communication between him and her little ones. Well she remembers her own childhood days, and the sainted woman into whose patient ears she lisped her hopes and fears, nor once reproaches her for the "deception" practiced. It would not be an ideal land if there were children there with no mother, nor aunt, nor sister, nor matron, to plan for the hanging up of the stocking and the coming of Santa Claus. So all are provided for, and Christmas morning comes when childish glee is heard amid whirls of snow and merry peals of church bells. amid rockets rending the air and "baby-Zakers" shaking the earth. Oh, happy and never-to-be-forgotten scene. Across the waste of years it will revisit memory,

recalling faces that have long since mingled with the mould and awakening

schoes that grow sweeter with receding

And then, in the ideal homes of the ideal land, there is family worship and many there are who also attend church services on this day; services where all hearts and voices are attuned in exultation and praise of the Heavenly King. Next, each family gathers around its board, and there is no lack. Not a family is without its turkey; none without a Christmas pie, Nor is the spirit of thankfulness to God absent; but everywhere it prevails along with good cheer and decent merriment. To youth much latitude is given for the enjoyment of innocent sports, but it is well understood that none is privileged to abuse the liberty of the day. Nor do any find pleasure in discomforting others, and especial consideration is evinced for sick and peryous people. Nor are there any brawls or wrangles, but all keep in mind the duty that is due to the Prince of Peace. So, tob, old quarrels are composed and new friendships cemented as becomes the followers of Him who came proclaiming peace on earth and good will

toward men. Thus Christmas passes. Thus the religious lesson of the day is blended with Its social memories; thus hearts are opened to charity and hands set to good works; thus another mile-stone is passed on life's journey and one group of travellers merrily enter upon the highway which all must trudge as another group

is about to leave it-leave it for home; a home not made with hands. We believe in the preacher who preachex over and oft in favor of lofty ideals. All human accomplishment falls so very far short of what it should be that he a is satisfied with a mediocre ideal

will never rise very high in thought or work. Let us, therefore, think of what Christmas ought to be-what it might be-if we were really true disciples of Him for whom the day is celebrated. Let us mend all that is bad and cultivate all that is good in our observance of the season, and may the Merry Christmas that we wish all to have be followed by none but pleasant recollections.

Although Great Britain and Russia appear to be seeking to form opposing combinations for dealing with the latest phase of the far East question, they concur in criticising Germany's seizure Kiao-Chau bay as a grab game, and in endeavoring to place upon Germany the responsibility for the alleged necessity for commencing a partition of the That the German Flowery Kingdom. performance at Kiao-Chau bay was de cidedly on the grab order is not to be denied, but of all the European Powers, Great Britain and Russia, especially the former, ought to be the most modest in making invidious remarks about such a policy.

For generations Russian and British history has been the history of grabbing. Under the euphemistic characterization of "expansion" or "extending sphere of influence." Russia has been systematically grabbing in Southeastern Europe and Central Asia, and Great Britain has, in an equally systematic manner, been grabbing pretty much all over the world. As to the particular matter of their criticism of Germany's grab in China, it is very suggestive of the wolf's charge against the lamb, in that little matter of muddying the stream. When we come down to the real facts

n the case. Hong-Kong, where the British have been planted ever since 1841, represents a British "grab," pure and simple, and the occupation of Port Arthur by the Russians is in the same category, seeing that the latter means the closing of an enforced option. So far from Germany's having created a necessity for the partition of China, if, indeed, such a necessity has really been created, the boot is on the other leg. If the taking by Germany of a little slice of the Celestial Empire shall necessitate the dividing up of that empire, the responsibility for the division will run back to Great Britain and Russia. In raising her flag over Chinese territory, Germany has only followed the example of these two Powers. She has only taken a step it has been foreseen for some time Russian and British policy in the far East would, sooner or later, in view of her expanding trade, force her to take,

The Journal and Courier of New Haven gives these statistics of recent murders, murder-trials, and hangings in Connecticut: "Fuda and Impussino have just been narged in the State prison for the murder of Mrs. Fuda at East Norwalk, last February. Charles Bonai was convicted last Friday of the murder of George M. Nichols, in the township of Trumbull, last summer. Weeks, his assistant, is to be tried soon. Herman Sachs is on trial for the murder of Bert L. Hotchkiss, in Killingworth, last summer. A few days ago an old negro, Peter Winston, in Windsor, was clubbed to death, and his murderers are under arrest. On Wednesday night, at Stamford, one Demarco killed his two uncles with a sharpened file. Friday night David Lambert, a farmer in Wilton, was killed in his own house by masked robbers."

In view of this exhibit, we hope that our Connecticut contemporaries will have the good taste to refrain from commenting too severely upon the "low state of civilization in the South."

Foreign advices describe a remarkable and significant demonstration which took cently in the National Theatre at Lemberg on the occasion of the twenty-fifth performance of Smetana's Czech "Die Verkaufte Braut." The whole Polish opera company assembled on the stage, and the orchestra played the Czech national hymn amid enthusias- it at Christmas. tic cheering. The following telegraphic message was received from the Burgomaster of Prague: "Hearty fraternal greetings to our Polish brothers. May Smetana's music contribute to strengthen the bonds that unite the Polish nation with the Czechs. The solidarity of the Slavs will lead us to victory. Persevere!" When this dispatch had been read, the orchestra played the Polish anthem, "The Cause of Poland is Not Yet Lost," whereupon cries of "Long live Poland!" and "Hurrahs for the Czecha!" were raised by the audience,

The Great Salt Lake, of Utah, is eventy miles long and fifty miles wide in its widest part, with a present maximum depth of 40 feet, though much of its area does not exceed from twelve to twenty. Its water is said not to be so salt as formerly. The theory is supported by an examination of the waters of numberless springs, which used to pour pure brine into the lake, the outflow of many of them being now quite fresh, as if they had exhausted the underground deposits of salt, of which they were formerly the solvent and carrying

They seem anxious in Europe to make us take part in that smashing of China, but they will have their labor for their pains. We are still avoiding entangling alliances, if we know what is best for ourselves, but at the same time it is gratifying to observe that our real importance in the world is at last beginning to dawn on the consciousness of our censorious elder brethren beyond the At-

The late Dr. Thomas W. Evans, of Paris, left \$8,000,000, it appears, to a dental institute which he proposed to establish in Philadelphia, but which he did not establish, and which, therefore, has no existence. The question is, therefore, what will become of the \$8,000,000? The lawyers will probably be best able to answer, And new Mrs. Rorer, the alleged cook,

who first lectured in the South recently, and then went to her home in the North and lectured the South, now comes to the front, and says oysters should not be eaten. We wonder what in the world and in tune with our feelings. Choruses she thinks they were made for? It is announced that, in the opinion of

New York financiers, the Morgan plan of combining the coal interests will insure the prosperity of all the anthracite roads. But how about the prosperity of coal

A special from Washington says that 'in view of the disclosures of pension frauds as practiced in New York, it is not improbable that Congress will look into the action of the administration in refusing to make public the names on the pension roll, and legislation may be enacted directing the Secretary of the Treasury and the Commissioner of Pensions to make the pension roll accessible

to the public." Pension-Commissioner Evans, in his annual report, recommended strongly the publication of the pension rolls and the posting of them in public places, but this recommendation, we are told, was antagonized by the Scoretary of the Interior and other powers that be at Washington.

The carrying out of the Commissioner's recommendation would be a most practical step in the matter of waking up the people to a realization of the extent of the pension frauds, and of the impositions upon the tax-payers the present pension system involves. It would afford them evidence on which to base a demand for radical reform that could not be resisted. But will Congress, when it comes to the pinch, consent to the expose? We doubt it. Publication of the pension rolls would show up too many politicians as particeps criminis to flagrant frauds and weaken too many political fences.

None the less, there is hope of reform. As we have pointed out on several occasions recently, many of the leading papers of the North and West are ringing the changes upon the enormous amount of money appropriated for pensions and the number of unworthy and fraudulent pensioners on the list, and there is evidence that the tax-payers are getting very restive under this double imposition. There is evidence, indeed, that sooner or later the question of reforming the whole business will become a burning one,

To the Editor of the New York Tribune: Sir,-As I am in hearty sympathy with those of your contemporaries and correspondents who are lifting their voices against the uncut leaf nuisance in books and magazines, allow me to express the hope that the agitation will be kept up until a sensible reform is accomplished. Uncut leaves are ever an exasperation and the cause of unneeded expenditure of time, and I can conceive of no valid reason why they are thrust upon the reading public. Let the Tribune make a rious effort to obtain the sentiment of its readers, and I think it would get such a flood of protests against this fashion that some good might result.

The uncut leaf nuisance is a thing that ninety-nine people out of a hundred have to submit to for the sake of one person who means to have his numbers bound, but who usually neglects to have it done, The aforesaid persons and a few faddists impose upon the rest of their fellowcitizens an annoyance that is often expressed in words more emphatic than

If this is a case where the majority is entitled to rule, publishers of magazines will hereafter cut the pages of their publications even if the work hereby required does postpone the date of issue a day or two.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Will you kindly state the origin and history, of the mistletoe"? and greatly SAMBO.

The mistletoe is a small shrub that grows parasitically on trees. It has dainty leaves and yellowish green flowers, the whole forming a pendent bush, which is covered in winter with white berries It is found on a great variety of trees, especially the apple-tree, but seldom on the oak.

The mistletoe was consecrated to religious purposes by the ancient Celtic nations of Europe, and was held in peculiar veneration by the Druids, especially when found growing upon the oak. Traces of this old superstitious regard for the mistletoe still survive in European countries, as is the custom of kissing under

The mistletoe figures also in Scandinavian legend as having furnished the material of the arrow with which Baldur (the sun-god) was slain by the blind god, Hoder. Most probably this story had its origin in a particular theory as to the meaning of the word mistletoe.

"The mistletoe hung in the castle hall, The holly branch shone on the old oak

are well-known lines by T. H. Bayly, showing the antiquity of the custom of hanging the mistletoe bough in dwell ings at Christmas, and the vogue of the olden time, observed to some extent to this day, was that the man who caught a woman standing under the bough might kiss her. This is a relic of feudal days, the significance of which has been lost, though a variety of more or less proba-

ble explanations have been offered. The American mistletoe is quite different from that of Europe. The plant has the same manner of growth, and is similar in appearance to the European, but the leaves and stems are of more yellowish green. It grows from New Jersey and Illinois to Texas and Mexico. In Texas it grows upon the mesquite so abundantly as to hide the proper foliage of the tree.

Christmas.

(For the Dispatch.) It is not a little remarkable how one day in the year can be made to glow and shine among all other days, and have a life of its own. When we think of it, or are spending it, our pulse beats at an unusual rate; our hearts throb more quickly; our imagination is excited: our brain is heated. We are, to all intents and purposes, delightfully feverish. and that, too, while the brow is serene and the countenance suffused with happy smiles. However, it may be on Thanksgiving-Day elsewhere, we know what a peculiarly beautiful life is that of the merry Christmastide with us. In a Virginia household Christmas-Day is the focus on which all the rays of domestic love and light centre; to which all other days refer, and why should it not be brilliant and shine with intense light and

heat? Horns and poperackers are very "barbarous," but they are exciting, stirring, of welcome to the Babe of Bethlehem bring back and awaken the songs of the angels. Songs of triumph and exultation well give glory to the new-born King. But all sorts must give utterance to their joyful feelings, such as they are-some in one way, some in another. Yet, however it be, whatever be the noise, it means it be, whatever be the noise, it means joy and gladness and good cheer, and the whole community is possessed with its influence. The sounds are eloquent, and tell of full and happy and rejoicing hearts. And all are obeying the prophetic order of near 3,000 years ago: "Cryout and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion; for great is the Holy One that is within theel" And can it be that the exulting, earaptured, joyous Christmastide is only an old custom from time imme-

morisi sprung from a myth; a relic of heathenism? Is the story of Bethlehem sil a fable? Who is prepared sullenly to charge that upon a Christian community; upon an enlightened world? The fires, the joys, the delights, the true loves, the high humanities of Christmas make the sceptic ashamed of himself. He charges the hypocrisies, the vices, the crimes, and all the still continuing works of the cribes the patience, the forbearance, the long suffering of the Almighty to his weakness and goes off to hide himself from its triumphs. Away with his folly to the place of weeping and gnashing of

If the joys of the nativity are all fancy

work—what beautiful work are they? How wonderfully delightful, if they are only true! What a splendid story; how charming the account of the birth of Christ! How full of glory! Can the world conceive of anything better or more de sirable than the Christian covenant? new birth and childhood for disguster humanity! But just suppose that all that is told of Christ, of His gifts to the world, of His promise of Heaven-just suppose all to be authentic, true, and real, and how shall we measure the bless-ing and value of it! Surely, the Church is the house of God: Surely it is the gate of Heaven! It is well for us, in this season, that is peculiarly Christ's: When as a babe He appeals to us. It is well now instinctively, with all the world like happy children, to give and receive kindnesses and to be joyful. But it is as the new beginning of life, with renewed youth, as new-born babes, with single, pure hearts, in the sweetest. surest hope of the general resurrection at the last day and the life of the world to come, that we can best, most truly and most profoundly enjoy A Merry

West-End School Assembly.

The pupils of West-End school had ar ranged to have their annual Christmas assembly on Christmas-eve, but were presented by Santa Claus with a "holi-" which they appreciate most hearti-The following programme was rendered at the Thursday assembly; Chorus, "Merry, Merry Chiming Belis,"

Lord's Prayer and 23d Psalm, concert.

"Chime, Chime, Christmas Chorus. Rells." school. Recitation, "Herbert's Xmas Dream, "Snowflake Song," pupils of Third Pri-

Recitation, "Marriage of Santa Claus," Annie Carlton.

Chorus, "Sweet and Low," school. Recitation, "Alice's Christmas Gitt," Louise Loving. "Carry Me Back to Old Vir-

Sextette, "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia," Wilmer Allen, Hugh Calder, Bradley Ewell, Ralph Midyette, and Herbert Delaney. Recitation, "How We Spent Xmas," May Gaskins.

May Gaskins.
"Santa Claus is Coming, Hurrah! Hurrah!" by pupils of Fifth Primary.
Choruses—"I'se Gwine Back to Dixie,"
"Maryland," "Virginia," "Give Three Cheers for the Star-Spangled Banner, 'My Country, 'Tis of Thee."
Recitation, "Two Little Stockings," Kate Wren.

Chorus, "Portuguese Hymn." A friend of the school has very kindly offered to give the children a treat early n January by lending his gramophone for an assembly. In large letters on the front board of the assembly-room could be seen this touching appeal:

"Dear Santa Claus,-Please bring ar organ stool to West-End school; we are of sitting in a chair piled up with

> The Angels' Carols. (Written for the Dispatch.)

Something in the air to-day makes our hearts feel light; Something in our hearts to-day makes hearts feel dight;
Something in our hearts to-day makes
our faces bright;
And once more we're backwards turning,
See each century's watch-fires burning,
Hear again the angels' chime
On that blessed Christmas time—

"Peace on earth, good will towards men"-(Message of God's love).

(Message of God's love).

Hear the angels sing again

From the Throne above;

Love, the watch-word of salvation;

Love, the key of all creation;

Love, the light by which we see—

Only bondage of the free.

And we see beam through the dark, Unobscured by years, Star of Bethlehem, blessed spark, Quelling all our fears; Star of love, that knows no ceasing; Light of love, fore'er increasing; Guide and compass, lead us on, From the darkness into morn,

As the wise men did of old, As the wise men did of old,
Journeying from afar,
We would find Thy humble fold,
Gulded by Thy star,
Joyfully would we kneel before Thee,
Holy Saviour, to adore Thee!
As the wise men did of old,
Searching out Thy humble fold.
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Mother Love.

(Pall Mall Gazette.) If I might build a palace fair
With every joy of soul and sense,
And set my heart as sentry there
To guard your happy innocence;
If I might plant a hedge too strong
For creeping sorrows to writhe through,
And find my whole life not too long
To give, to make your hedge for you.

If I could teach the laden air
To bear no sounds that were not sweet,
Could teach the earth that only fair,
Untrodden flowers deserve your feet,
Would I not tear the secret scroll
Where all your griefs lie closely curied,
And give you little hand control
Of all the joys of all the world?

But ah, I have no skill to raise
The palace, teach the hedge to grow;
The common airs blow through your days,
By common paths your dear feet go;
And you must twine, of common flowers,
The wreath that happy women wear,
And bear, in desolate darkened hours.
The common griefs that all men bear.

The pinions of my love I fold,
Your little shoulders close about;
Ah! could my love keep out the cold,
Or shut the creeping sorrows out!
Rough paths will the your darling feet,
Gray skies will weep your tears above,
While round you life, in torment beat,
The impotent wings of mother love!

The Wondrous Advent. By Rev. James B. Taylor, D. D. (For the Dispatch.)

Twas a blessed night in the long ago,
When angels came to this world of woe
And sang their glorious song;
Twas peace on earth, good will toward
man,
Because of Heaven's wondrous plan
To save a rulned race.

'Twas then to lowly manger bed.
The astonished shepherds gladly sped,
To see the Prince of Peace;
And to their wondering eyes displayed,
In stable manger meanly laid.
Was found the heavenly babe.

Ah! thus the incarnate God came down, Who laid aside His kingly crown To live and die for man. He lived a life of grief and pain. And then went back to Heaven again, From bloody cross and grave. In glorious state He reigns on high.
And looks on earth with gracious eye,
To succor and to save.
And now as far as man is found.
We should the glorious Gospel sound,
Which tells us, "God is love."

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WEDDING IN HALIFAX.

Quarles-Baldwin-Pretty Decorations-A Popular Example.

CLARKSTON, VA., December 24.-(Spe cial.)-On the 22d of December St. Thomas church, Clarkston, Halifax county, was the scene of a very attractive wedding. Mrs. T. B. Clark, assisted by Mrs. Haley and others, had dressed the chancel beautifully with evergreens. Lamps were placed in suitable locations and swung from the ceiling. The church was darkened. Mrs. Clark presided at the orean, and placed the wedding march. the organ, and played the wedding march The bride, Miss Fannie Lee Baldwin, came up the middle alsie on the arm of her brother, Mr. John Baldwin, preceded by her maid of honor, Miss Carrie Bald-win, and two ushers. Me. Proceded

The groom, Mr. John T. Quarles, and his best man, Mr. Edward Baldwin, entered the church from the vestry-room, and joined the others of the wedding party in front of the chancel. Rev. J. G. Shackelford, of St. John's church, Houston, officiated in his usual

impressive and happy manner. The choir sang a marriage hymn with sweet effect. A large number of friends of the contracting parties were present, and at ithe close of the benediction gave their hearty congratulations. The procession of carriages and buggies was then driven to the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. Cornella Quaries, where a wedding Christmas dinner was served. A joyful omen was displayed from the choir sang a marriage hymn A joyful omen was displayed from the skies while the wedding service was be From the clouds that lowered the church the sun burst out glad brightness, as if to promise that any possible "winter of discontent" should surely be made to them "glorious

summer. This, the first marriage held in the church, promises to be a popular example, for when the clergyman came to the front of the church after the ceremony and asked in pleasantry, "Who will be the next one?" several young men knowledged the suggestion, and one boldly stated; "I will call on you, sir, when my time comes.

Text Didn't Apply.

(Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.) Mrs. Northside was telling about the trouble Mrs. Manchester was having with her maids, and was apparently taking much pleasure out of her difficulties. "You should not be glad because Mrs. Manchester is in trouble." said Mrs. Manchester is in trouble," said Mrs.
Northside. "You should remember that
the Bible says, 'Rejoice not when thine
enemy falleth."
"Oh, that's all right," replied Mrs.

"Oh, that's all right," replied Mrs. Northside briskly, "Mrs. Manchester isn't an enemy at all. She is my dearest

Cause for Regret. (Chicago Record.)

Singerly (to friend recently married): Why, old man, you look sad and dejected. Have you met with a disappointment in your matrimonial venture Wederly: Alas! yes. My wife cannot

Singerly: Can't sing! Why, man, that ought to cause you to rejoice. I think you are to be congratulated. Wederly: But the trouble is that she

Not Sure About the Hurrah. (Chicago Post.) "Whoopee!" yelled the boy.

"What's the matter?" asked the other boy.
"Snow!" cried the first boy. "Why den't

you yell?"
"I'm waiting," returned the second boy. "to see whether I have to clean off the sidewalk. I'm not just sure yet about this snow being a good thing."

He Was Right.

(Baltimore Herald.) "Now, Johnnie," said the teacher, "yo may spell kitten." "K-i-i-t-t-e-n," the embryo lexicographer. "No, no!" exclaimed the teacher, "kitten hasn't got two i's." "Well, ours has," replied the observing youth.

> An Indignity. (Puck.)

Keeler: Did you stay all night at your friend's house in Jersey? Wheeler: No, indeed. What do you think? He actually wanted to put my bicycle in the barn over night.

(Chicago News.) "Why do you think I have made a mis-

take in naming my boy Henry Clay?"
"Think of the temptation there will be for others to change it to mud.

An Up-to-Date Person. (Indianapolis Journal.)

"You may fetter my body," he shouted, "but my mind will wear no chain!"
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The State Bank of Virginia,
Richmond, Va., December 25, 1837.
THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING
of the stockholders of this bank will be
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M. WILLIAM M. HILL,
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THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE
UNION BANK OF RICHMOND will be
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on the 13th of JANUARY, 1828, at 12
o'clock M.
J. B. BEASLEY.
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Cashier.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE RICHMOND PERPETUAL BUILDING, LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY will be held on TUESDAY, January 4, 1828, at 5 o'clock P. M., at the office of the company, 922 east Main street.

HENRY S. HUTZLER, Cashier.

de 22-td THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE DISPATCH COMPANY will be held at their office on TUESDAY, the 11th day of January, 1888, at 12 o'clock M.

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By order of the President, de 17-td J. J. HICKOK, Secretary.

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